

REMARKS**Status of Claims**

Claims 1-9, 11-24 and 26-30 are pending in the present application. By this amendment, claims 11-12 and 26-27 have been canceled. Claims 1 and 16 have been amended. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-3, 14-18, 29 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 3,096,033 to Franck et al.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 16 to include the limitation of the “veil containing glass fibers”. Nowhere do Franck et al. teach or suggest the facing material that Applicants claim. Applicants submit that a *prima facie* case of obviousness cannot be established as Franck et al. do not teach all of Applicants’ claim limitations. Claims 2-3, 14-15, 17-18 and 29-30 ultimately depend from either newly amended claim 1 or claim 16. As such, these dependent claims are deemed to be allowable.

Applicants respectfully request that the 103(a) rejection of claims 1-3, 14-18, 29 and 30 be withdrawn.

Claims 1-3, 11-18 and 26-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 3,096,033 to Franck et al. in view of U.S. 6,305,495 to Keegan.

As indicated above, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 16 to include the limitation of the “veil containing glass fibers”. Nowhere do Franck et al. or Keegan teach or suggest the facing material that Applicants claim. Applicants submit that a *prima facie* case of obviousness cannot be established as neither Franck et al. nor Keegan teach all of Applicants’ claim limitations.

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Claims 4-9 and 19-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 3,096,033 to Franck et al. in view of U.S. 6,305,495 to Keegan.

As indicated above, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 16 to include the limitation of the "veil containing glass fibers". Nowhere do Franck et al. or Keegan teach or suggest the facing material that Applicants claim. Applicants submit that a *prima facie* case of obviousness cannot be established as neither Franck et al. nor Keegan teach all of Applicants' claim limitations.

Claims 4-9 and 19-24 ultimately depend from either newly amended claim 1 or claim 16. As such, these dependent claims are deemed to be allowable.

Applicants respectfully request that the 103(a) rejection of claims 4-9 and 19-24 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-9, 13-24 and 28-30 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned agent at (740) 321-7213 if any unresolved matters remain.

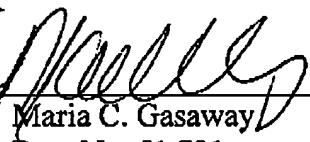
If any questions should arise with respect to the above Remarks, or if the Examiner has any comments or suggestions to place the claims in better condition for allowance, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' agent at the number listed below.

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Applicants authorize any fees required pertaining to this response be charged to Deposit Account 50-0568.

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